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North Carolina Guardsman Killed in Vehicular Accident

Raleigh, NC. – An assistant administrative non-commissioned officer with the North Carolina Army National Guard in Dunn died Friday from injuries as a result of a vehicular accident on Chicken Farm Road, Dunn, NC.

The dead is Sgt. David A. Strickland, 29, of Fayetteville, NC. He is survived by his wife Renee Strickland who lives in Fayetteville.

After the accident, Strickland was then taken to Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn where he was later pronounced dead according to 1st Lt. William C. Schneck, Strickland's commanding officer.

Strickland served in the Army in ever increasing roles of responsibility since he enlisted in January 1998. An Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran, Strickland served on active duty and later joined the National Guard in 2004. Prior to joining the National Guard, Strickland notably served in support of the 3rd Detachment Special Forces Group where he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

Members of Strickland's unit, B Company, 230th Brigade Support Battalion remember Strickland as a go-to soldier, said Schneck. "He was a straight forward NCO always wanting to get more Army education so he could share information with his fellow troops." Said Staff Sgt. Yale L. Moran, senior administrative and training NCO with B Company. "I worked with him every day, he was a step above any other soldier", added Moran.

Strickland was assigned to B Company working on temporary active duty orders for the special work of preparing his unit for a second deployment to Iraq. "You expect this in war, but not here", said Moran.

A private memorial service is scheduled for the family and members of the military.